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CHARACTER AND STANDING.
 Character is the principal thing. But what is character? It is multifarious in many respects; varies with the man himself, his circumstances, his business and "the point of a view;" the chief constituent of character is always integrity; that which wins and retains confidence and makes a man what is called "reliable." Integrity itself, though strictly "one" in its consistency and unity, combines honesty, courage, capacity, punctuality and firmness. A farmer may be proficient in his calling; a lawyer learned in his profession; a merchant, successful in his business; a mechanic, master of his trade; and so on; but some defect in character may deny him the chief desideratum: the respect and esteem of his public.
 "Man does not live by bread alone," and in some vocations, no amount of bread will compensate for the essential it should furnish, and without which, in the end, it will fail to supply even bread. There is a certain "standing" to be established and upheld which cannot exist on any degree of expertness in mere business; and in truth, though "success" is necessary to enable any enterprise to live, there are some in which that is utterly impossible without "the standing" he first won and assured. A "business," or enterprise, also requires the "standing" acquired by "character," and no skill will serve it from failure if it lack this "standing." This "standing," too, may equally depend on more than one department or portion of the enterprise, and it is neither just nor profitable to ascribe either to one or another, where all do their best to the common end. It is like the fabled quarrel between the digestive apparatus, or working members of the body, and the head, or intellectual organs, as to their respective labors and deserts, when all are indispensable to the common honor, respect and success.
 But character and the standing which it gives are necessary to all men and their enterprises. Seek these first in every business; and, having these, all things will be added. Young men and young enterprises must recollect this, and no success should lead to ignoring or undervaluing of standing in public regard and estimation.
GUARD AGAINST CORPORATIONS
 Corporations, instead of being allowed and provided for by law, should be utterly abolished and made unlawful together with all trusts and combines not specially authorized and limited by law. If for no other reason, corporations should be condemned and outlawed because they are "artificial persons," and no government or community should tolerate within its bounds any but natural persons, subject to the laws of nature, as well as the laws of man, and acting under future and spiritual responsibility as well as present and material accountability.
 Many obvious reasons fortify all we suggest; but the principal objection to corporations is that, in practice, they are employed to absolve every member from all personal responsibility, temporal or eternal, moral and material; and behind this artificial and immortal person, he and his associates may play the meanest, basest and most infamous tricks of trade and chicanery and lay it all on "the company."
 The only corporation and combination allowable should be, first, either necessary, or greatly subservient, to some public good or service, or to some private benefit or pleasure, wholly innocent in itself, and strictly guarded at every point from treachery on the rights or privileges of others; second, it should be strictly limited to the purpose of its creation, and in time and capital particularly; third, the fact of its violation of its charter should be always a question for a jury, and, in fact found, the judge presiding should at once pronounce the charter forfeited and the Co. dissolved, except so far as may be required to enforce its liabilities against it, and the affairs of every such corporation should be subject to investigation by the court having jurisdiction at all times, and must be periodically investigated and make sworn semi-annual reports to such court.
 The necessity and public benefit of corporations are fully recognized; but they are also a danger that may become a great evil and injury; and therefore they are to be excused only on the plea of necessity or of some public good—to which they must be strictly held. The personal rights and liberty of every individual citizen are menaced by every union of two or more persons to pursue any business or enterprise which the individual has any concern as a producer (contributing capital, labor, materials, or supplies), or as a dealer, or as a consumer or user. In fact, wherever two or more persons join together to carry on any business, it is a conspiracy against everybody else interested in anything in that business, and if the law should not forbid it, it is at least the duty of government and law to so regulate it as to protect everyone of its citizens from its operations and transactions. The pretence that this regulation is an invasion of common right, or personal liberty, disappears into thin air the moment it is seen that the interference is to conserve the rights and liberties of all from invasion, no matter what the pretext.

WHAT A SPECTACLE!
 It is a curious and painful spectacle presented at the close of the XIX century by the great American Republic. The administration at Washington, nominally Republican, is actually anti-Republican in all its policies, internal and external, and to it, its party, its officials and organs can be directly traced all the political infidelity which ignores or violates our fundamental principles and institutions, and which mocks and sneers at the sacred teachings of Jefferson and Washington, deriding the Declaration of Independence, the Virginia Resolutions of 1798, the Farewell Address of the Father of his Country, the Federal Constitution and all the monuments of our liberties, with all the levity and insolence of Ingalls discussing the alleged "mistakes of Moses," or reviling the ordinances of Christ and his Disciples and Apostles.
 Here, where orthodox liberty should be enshrined and worshiped, here political agnosticism is rampant, or bows alone to the golden calf. Mammon is chief of our household divinities, as he is dominant in our home and foreign "business," with Moloch and Monopoly in trust and combination, to wade through slaughter to a throne of cruellest despotism. Men are no longer equal anywhere, and least of all in America and under this administration; the just powers of government no longer require the consent of the governed, where Hanna and his brood prevail; and money, not liberty and independence, is the highest object of temporal endeavor and estimation.
 What a death of perversion and degradation is this? To complete it, there is only needed an open avowal that hell is the proper goal of our earthly strivings, and that the Devil is the true Being whom men should obey and worship. That is the result of all our official commissions, inquiries and investigations. Endowed religion and subsidized learning, smirk and grin as the money-monopoly strips and skins the people and loots the government, wagging their tails and slobbering with eager greed for sops!
 Money is supreme and the Devil is its priest and prophet, with all the professions and the press holding up his tail in servile awe!
FIGURES MUST LIE FOR LIARS.
 The Nebraska Conservative, calling attention to the well-known Republican custom of falsifying the census, whenever it can, for any and every party purpose, cites some special instances of this falsification of the census in Nebraska for 1890; and then adds:
 "The moment one finds errors in the count of the people themselves one realizes that all industrial data as to per capita production, wealth and taxation are also erroneous. Let the census of 1900 differ from that of 1890 by telling the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth."
 To call such frauds errors is to carry eulohism to a ridiculous excess, and to drape vice in the veil of virtue. All of our Federal, State and City statistics are deliberately systematically doctored and shaped to serve some special Republican end; and as all our censuses since the war have been under Republican direction and supervision, as well as in final adjustment and interpretation, we may be well and greatly amazed that any fact or figure not favorable to Republican continuance in office has been permitted to stand in any final revision of any census. Since the demonization of silver and the establishment of gold mono-metalism and money-monopoly, it passes all conjecture to imagine the extent and variety of the manipulations undergone by all figures of the census that relate to anything affected by the great fraud on silver.

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THE GRACE OF LIFE.
 It is a very selfish, morbid and ungrateful nature that can raise the question—"Is life worth living?" A momentary disgust may suddenly seize any man, and overcome him, but life, with all its ills and troubles, its ceaseless fears and disappointed hopes, is still a blessed existence to him who comprehends its purpose, and makes the best of it.
 "For who, to dumb-forgetfulness a prey, This pleasing, anxious being e'er resigned, Left the warm precincts of the cheerful day, Nor cast one longing, lingering look behind?"
 The stern realities of life, however, sometimes cause us to regard with much impatience that optimism that seems to see nothing but pleasure in this world and whose votaries, like butterflies, revel in the beauty, perfume and honey of flowers, where pessimism and its victims can discover nothing but thorns and the stings of bees and wasps. Both the votaries of happiness and the victims of woe may err in the respective extremes to which they lend themselves; yet a little actual experience must convince the rational person that every innocent joy is so much clear gain in this mortal sphere, not only for one's self, but for others, as it is the especial felicity of all such joys to infect even casual beholders.
 It is the grace of life, and blest are they who know how to enjoy it. Sweetness and light and their material and spiritual fruits and flowers are not here to delude and tempt us to evil, but to adorn and embellish this dull clod and delight our souls as well as our eyes—to make the heart throb and the feet dance in unison with the music of nature that always fills the air to them that listen for it. The loveliness that is in all things is their goodness and wisdom: Sin and folly, undisguised and truly seen, are hideous and discordant. The sleeping infant in the cradle, its first hours watched by the last hours of the grandmother, is a picture of life—the true picture—in which love and joy witness the holy beginning and ending of this life.
 There are no frivolities, except in the devices of an arid heart. All things work together for good. The poor afford us the blessedness of giving and endow us with the benison of gratitude. The millionaire enriches our poverty with all the treasures and pleasures of art and nature, till instead of envying him, if he be honest, we desire riches for all, so that no man shall lack anything in reach of money. Nor do we hesitate to admire, love and bless the pretty maid who bedizens her sweet person with ribbons, feathers and flowers, and all coquettish tricks and ways. More, more, more! is our cry. The best the most beautiful, the costliest are of God's country. Thanks!
PROF. DABNEY AND AMERICAN HISTORY.
 We are glad to see how much interest the Virginia press exhibits in a fair history of the United States, and especially in the suggestion of the Norfolk Landmark that such a history would find an author equal to the task in Professor Dabney, of the University of Virginia, provided he were allowed leisure for the great work. THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT dissented from the view that history and historians are properly made in that way; but it by no means intended any derogation or impeachment of Professor Dabney's character or capacity for the work. Gibbon, a born historian, with a prodigious memory, gave his whole life to "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire;" and that work came to him as a revealed or inspired mission, although he was, in effect, an infidel, to which he devoted himself with the zeal of piety. It is not, indeed, for such a man as Dr. Dabney to undertake American history at all, either as an assigned task, or a contract-job, nor even as a side recreation of leisure moments from his regular duties at the University.
 It is only he who is "called" to it and who can and will dedicate himself and his time to it exclusively, and with fervor, who should undertake the history we desire. There are so many histories of the United States, that the one yet unwritten to surpass and supersede them all, in merit and competent approval, cannot be announced beforehand and its writer, as it were, detailed to the special service.
 Under any circumstances, Dr. Dabney would produce an able work; nor do we question the patriotic zeal of our morning local contemporary in its suggestions; but as we said once before, the hour will bring the man and the history that will do justice to our cause, honor to our heroes and no wrong to our brave antagonists. That Professor Dabney should have ample time and every facility goes without saying.
HANNA MISERY.
 How much misery there is in this life! How we should all strive to prevent it, lessen it and alleviate it. Almost simultaneously, in a small radius having Richmond as its centre, two prominent men, lawyers, public officers, both popular, fall to fighting and one is slain by a pistol shot, dying on the ground of the affray; a trusted and respected railroad official, train-dispatcher and telegraph-operator, prosperous and supposed to be happy, shoots himself dead deliberately, having carefully disposed of his money, which he had been saving for many months—the suicide being a man of good character, good habits and in good circumstances; under cover of a pretended visit to relatives and friends, a young wife leaves her father's house with her young child, whom she kills with an overdose of laudanum, attempting at the same time to slay herself. Meanwhile, these greater calamities are thronged about with others, minor only in form and catastrophe, but may be in many cases as full of grief and anguish. Who knows? Who knows what his dearest friend is meditating? Who knows what a day may bring forth? God pity and help us all!
EQUALITY WITH MAJORITY.
 Gollwin Smith speaks of "the false theory of American equality." As declared by Jefferson in our Declaration of Independence, this theory is "self-evident;" but it is admittedly false in several of its misinterpretations. Of course, if that equality means that a man 5 feet high is equally tall with a man 6 feet in stature; or that a man weighing 150 pounds is equally heavy as one weighing 200 pounds; or that a man 40 years old is equally old with one who has attained his 60th year; and so on,—of course that theory of equality, instead of being self-evidently true, is self-evidently false. But Jefferson, being no idiot, and a man having some discourse of reason, did not mean that nonsensical muck-squash.
 By what rule are we to separate men into governing and governed? Height, weight, age, strength, wealth, or color of the hair? If not, why not? And if a mental or moral test or qualification be fixed, who shall fix it, first? and, next, who shall enforce and judge it? These and other practical considerations (overlooked by many Smiths) reduce rational men to a choice between fraud, force, or equality and a majority. Honest men should have no difficulty of choice.
 A traveler remarks on a certain species of the baboon he saw in Africa, that his awful dignity, portentous gravity and prodigious haughtiness, were so exaggerated and blended in one universe-subduing and appalling glance, that he was so overcome by the stupendous ludicrousness of it that he started at the wilds of the Dark Continent by a series of guffaws that should have disturbed even this baboon's equanimity, but which only increased the overwhelming effect of his demeanor and regard—it far surpassing all the achievements of art in comic caricature and all of nature's attempts in the same line heretofore seen by mortal man.
 The traveler may be right, and we invariably think of that baboon whenever some official or personage, with an awful sense of his personality and dignity confront us. It is so exquisitely absurd for a creature that would evidently run from a small, yapping dog, putting on or attempting to assume, the airs of omnipotent power and terror.
 "Why should the nature of mortal be proud?"
 Robert Bonner, noted as the editor, publisher and owner of the N. Y. Ledger, and owner likewise of some millions of dollars and several fast trotting horses, is dead.
 We are very glad to see that Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, though a staunch Republican, will not vote to establish the single gold standard, even to be re-elected to the U. S. Senate, Hurrah for the Senator! He is a man
 Jefferson died poor, and he is despised, of course, by the lovers of money. What little respect still survives for Washington is due entirely to the fact that he was a millionaire, if not the sole American millionaire at his death.
 When a man dies under this regime of abomination and swinishness, he and his family are rated strictly by the amount of swag he left, though he got it by robbing public charities.
OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.
UPRISINGS IN EUROPE.
 (From Baltimore American.)
 Political mobs in Belgium are quite a matter of course, but in Spain, if they are not a novelty, the energy displayed by them recently is novel. The mob in Belgium usually restores the political equilibrium. It answers pretty much the same purpose as the revolution in some States of Central and South America. Whenever the South Americans desire a change of administration, they hoist a flag on a pole and march into the main street of the city. If the crowd becomes too formidable to be overcome by a military demonstration, the administration capitulates and the mob take the place of the ins. It is often the only way of changing the administration, because the ins have the military, and can carry elections to suit themselves.
 In Belgium the Clerical party has a body of representatives in the Legislature utterly disproportionate to its numbers, and refuses to extend the franchise so as to make the representation popular. The bill which has created such excitement and disorder, and which may overthrow the monarchy, proposed to continue this power indefinitely to the Clericals. The King, after preparing for flight, has yielded temporarily to the demands of the people, but the latter do not seem to be satisfied. They are probably tired of these off-recurring battles for their rights, which are always snatched from them as soon as the excitement subsides, and Leopold may yet have to give them all they demand or fly from their wrath.
 In Spain the movement is the immediate outgrowth of awakened intelligence. The Spanish people have been asleep for a century or more. Some of the ablest of modern statesmen, notably Lord Salisbury, believes that the same opinion was entertained of the Italians half a century ago, but, under the inspiring influence of unity and liberal institutions, they have made remarkable progress. The Spaniards may do likewise. The war with the United States has opened their eyes, and they begin to feel that they are human beings, and not the dumb-driven cattle their masters have made them for so many years. With education, training and citizenship, the Spaniards may improve as much as the Italians. The late war may not have been such a disaster after all.

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